

Abstract

In a horizontal form-fill-and-seal machine (10), a continuous length of packaging film (12) is folded lengthwise over a consumer product (35) to be packaged. The consumer product (35) is placed on the packaging film (12) with a zipper (26) disposed
5 between a lengthwise fold (29) and the consumer product (35). The longitudinal edges (40, 42) of the packaging film (12) are aligned and sealed to one another with the zipper (26) sealed to the folded packaging film (12). Side seals (46, 48) are produced in a conventional manner to form a completed bag (55) while also separating the completed bag (55) from the bags being formed. Weakness areas (62, 63, 64) and an aperture (64)
10 for opening the completed bag (55) and accessing an attached slider (27) are provided at the lengthwise fold (29).